(c) At present 5.66% of budget of Ministry of Defence is spent on Research and Development.

(d) and (e) Government has not received any proposal from any foreign multinational companies in this regard.

Mobile van facility in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh by C.S.D.

†1075. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh where mobile van facility by Canteen Stores Department has been extended;

(b) the number of districts not provided with this facility and the district-wise number of ex-servicemen residing therein; and

(c) the reasons for not extending the facility in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) All 45 districts in Madhya Pradesh and 12 out of 16 districts in Chhattisgarh have been provided mobile van facility by Canteen Stores Department.

(b) The four districts in Chhattisgarh where mobile van facility has not been provided and the number of ex-servicemen in these districts is given below:-

Name of District	No. of Ex-servicemen
(i) Raipur	710
(ii) Bilaspur	912
(iii) Raigarh	940
(iv) Bastar	43

(c) The facility of mobile van has not been extended in these districts as it is not economically viable.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.